



Public Service Announcement

KYEM EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM

## After the Earthquake

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### What to do after the shaking stops

**Find out if anyone is injured**, dial 911 and administer first aid until help arrives.

**Instruct everyone to leave the building in an orderly manner.** If your building is undamaged, you do not need to evacuate.

**Seek safety outside.** Instruct those leaving your building to move into safe areas away from buildings and other potential hazards.

**Expect to find doorways and exit routes blocked.** Have people assigned to clear the exits. Do not use elevators. Make sure fire escapes are safe before using.

**Check for fires.**

**Check for people who might be trapped.** Check storage rooms and restrooms. Check for people who might require special assistance.

**Check for gas leaks, broken water lines or potential chemical hazards.** Turn off utilities if you find a leak. Notify the authorities of chemical hazards.

**Rescue financial records and essential supplies** from your business if you can do so safely.

**Before sending employees home** make arrangements to get back in contact at a later specified time.

**Document property damage as soon as possible.** Make itemized lists and take photographs of damage. Structural damage may require an engineering analysis.

**Secure your facility before leaving.**

**Expect aftershocks.** Aftershocks can inflict additional damage to weakened structures.



**Don't put breakable items back in vulnerable places.** Be careful when reentering your building if damaged.

**Determine the safety of your building.** Develop a prior agreement with a structural engineer to inspect your building immediately after an earthquake.

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